

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A porous sintered metal comprising voids at least partially communicating with each other, and pores provided in walls of said voids, wherein said porous sintered metal has a BET surface area of $700 \text{ cm}^2/\text{cm}^3$ or more, and wherein an average diameter of said pores is $1 \mu\text{m}$ or more when measured by a mercury press-in method said voids being formed by removing particles for forming voids and said voids of the walls having recesses, projections and pores constituted by the sintered metal powder.

2. (original): The porous sintered metal according to claim 1, wherein said porous sintered metal has a porosity of 40 to 97%.